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# Perennial Flowers

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Pacific Northwest Gardens

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Hardy Aster Border

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# Select Perennial Flowers

We are listing for 1948 five kinds of hardy perennial flowers that we consider especially good for Pacific Northwest gardens; 12 Hardy Asters, 2 Erigerons, 3 Chrysanthemums, 1 Shasta Daisy and 1 Helenium. These were chosen from a great number of perennials that we have tested for years in our own home flower gardens. We strive for quality rather than quantity.

All of the kinds listed in this catalogue are sun-loving plants. They will not do well in heavy shade, but should have three-fourths to full sun, also fertile soil and enough water. We believe you will find them very good investments if you give them favorable growing conditions. Of course they vary not only in color, height and season of bloom, but also somewhat in methods of culture. Preserve this catalogue and refer to the descriptions for help in growing them.

## HARDY ASTERS (Michaelmas Daisies)

We have been growing, testing, selecting and hybridizing hardy asters for many years and recommend them for summertime and early autumn beauty. Few flowers are so versatile and easy to grow; dwarf kinds for edgings, low flower beds and rockeries, medium height varieties in perennial borders and the very tall ones for cutting and special purposes. Our list includes varieties from 6 inches to 6 feet high—mostly low to medium. They were selected not only for color but also for vigor, strong stems, extended blooming season and other desirable characteristics. We offer asters of the Nova-belgi, Nova-anglia, Dumosos dwarfs and six specialty varieties including our "Summertime Asters." These and others of our own production are marked with an asterisk (\*), and the commercial propagation rights on these are reserved.

### Nova-belgi Asters

From the wild asters of New York, plant breeders in America and Europe have produced a great number of Nova-belgi asters, of which we have tested about 50 varieties. All are attractive, although not so ever-blooming or self-supporting as some kinds. Two of the best are listed below.

#### MT. EVEREST

Large clear white flowers with small golden centers on willowy 5 foot stems the last part of September—especially good for cutting. *Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

#### VIOLETTA

Large violet flowers on graceful 6 foot stems late in September—valuable for cutting .....*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

### Nova-anglia Asters

Plant breeders have produced several good varieties from the wild asters of New England. These are exceptionally hardy but grow rather tall for the average garden, bearing their flowers in early autumn high on the stems and needing support. After testing many, we are offering one that is not so tall—blooms early and over a long period.

#### BARR'S PINK

We consider this definitely the best of the nova-anglia asters to date. Extra large rosy-pink flowers open in great numbers from about mid-August far into September. The plants grow 3 to 3½ feet high, strong and self-supporting, leafy and shrub-like, ornamental even before blooming.

*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*



## Dumosus Dwarf Asters

From many varieties tested, we have selected three of the dwarf dumosus asters and list them below. Plant these useful little perennials for edgings, in rockeries and low flower beds. They bloom profusely in September and may be increased rapidly by division in the fall or spring.

### **NIOBE**

Clear white flowers on very dwarf plants only 6 to 8 inches high, through most of September. *Each 50¢ 3 for \$1.25*

### **LITTLE BELLE\***

Lilac-tinted lavender-blue flowers on nicely formed plants about 9 inches high, during most of September—our own production. *Each 50¢ 3 for \$1.25*

### **ROSA\***

Attractive rosy-pink flowers late in September into October on 12 inch plants. They may be pinched back in June, if more compact plants are desired. *Each 50¢; 3 for \$1.25*

## Our "Summertime Asters"

### **PACIFIC HORIZON\***

Large wisteria-blue flowers open in July on this unusual dwarf aster and appear in great numbers for several weeks in mid-summer. Short procumbent leafy stems form a plant wider than tall. We discovered this aster growing in beach sand on the Pacific Coast and often wonder what its origin may have been, as it is unlike any aster we have seen, either wild or domestic. We collected and named it, thinking that it may have arrived in some way from beyond the Pacific horizon. We have been growing it since 1939 in our garden and now offer plants for the first time. *Each 75¢; 3 for \$2.00*

### **PACIFIC AMARANTH\***

Our own production—a new everblooming type for the mid-summer border, having unusual vigor—especially useful where seasons are short. Rich amaranth (reddish-purple) flowers from July to September in great numbers on exceptionally strong stems about two feet high; dense with branches and foliage. *Each 75¢; 3 for \$2.00*

### **OREGON SNOWBANK\***

The earliest, sturdiest and most productive white hardy aster; our own production. The plants grow about 3 feet high; are shrub-like and practically self-supporting. They bear a great number of large clear white flowers with golden centers from August far into September—a fine vigorous companion for other early varieties. *Each 75¢; 3 for \$2.00*

## Other Specialty Asters

### **WONDER OF STAFFA**

This is an everblooming type that is really a "wonder," frequently called FRIKARTI after Karl Frikarti of Staffa, Switzerland, the originator. Extra large wisteria-blue flowers open in July on well formed plants about 2 to 2½ feet high, and keep right on blooming until October or November. It is fine grown alone or in front of Oregon Snowbank and Barr's Pink. Always leave 6 to 8 inches of stem above ground over winter for this variety, and where climate is severe, give added protection. We have a limited number of plants. *Each \$1.00—one only*

### **BEECHWOOD CHALLENGER**

Popular red hardy aster, about 2½ feet high, making shrubby plants that bloom profusely from early in September for weeks. *Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

### **ASTER ERICOIDES CHASTITY**

Tiny white flowers with golden centers on slender open-branched stems about 2½ feet high; a dainty aster, adding interest to borders and arrangements in September. *Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*



## ERIGERONS

These aster-like perennial flowers are exceptionally useful. We are offering plants of two kinds that we like very much, and believe you will too. Give them fairly fertile soil, enough water and three-fourth to full sun.

### ERIGERON MUCRANATUS

This is the most persistent ever-blooming flower that we know of. It is also called Erigeron Karvinskianus. While adapted to the climate of the Pacific Northwest, it may need some protection where winters are severe. Little pink and white daisy-like blossoms open continuously on slender vine-like stems from early May all through summer and far into Autumn. The plants form mats around a foot high and twice as wide—fine for rockeries and edgings.

*Each 60¢ 3 for \$1.50*

### ERIGERON "WAYFARER"

This Erigeron is of the Speciosus type and has been a favorite flower in our garden for years. We call it Wayfarer because it came to us unnamed. Silky many rayed lavender-blue blossoms 1½ inches across are borne in clusters on stems 1½ to 2 feet high in June, and again toward fall. Bloom may be had all summer from divisions planted in the spring. It is very ornamental in the flower border and for cutting.

*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

## CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The 'mum tribe is exceedingly numerous, of course, but we plan to list only a few carefully chosen hardy varieties for the out-door garden, that we have found especially good. Beginning this year, we are offering two low-growing, summer-flowering varieties and one that blooms in the Fall.

### YELLOW CUSHION

The light yellow double flowers appear in July on plants 12 to 18 inches high, blooming through the summer into autumn—an excellent variety for edging borders.

*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

### FIREGLOW

Semi-double (duplex) flowers of Oriental red, blooming from July far into autumn on shapely plants about 15 inches high—a fine 'mum for low flower beds or borders.

*Each 60¢ 3 for \$1.50*

### EMBER

A fine Korean 'mum for the fall garden, blooming in October and November. The strong three foot plants bear medium size double flowers of glowing bronze that always attract attention. They stand rain and frost especially well.

*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*

## OTHER PERENNIAL FLOWERS

We have tested a great number of perennial flowers in addition to hardy asters, erigerons and chrysanthemums, and have selected two that we think good for Pacific Northwest gardens. One is a low-growing Shasta Daisy; the other a low-growing Helenium.

### SHASTA DAISY PHYLLIS ELLIOTT

Frippy, semi-double white flowers, about 3 inches across with golden centers, are borne on wiry stems 15 to 18 inches high for several weeks during the spring. Blooming season may be extended well into fall by planting divisions taken in March or April. A fine flower for cutting and for white color in the garden.

*Each 60¢ 3 for \$1.50*

### HELENIUM MADAME CANIVET

Neutral yellow flowers on stems 18 to 24 inches, keep coming from late June throughout the summer for many weeks. A useful perennial flower, especially where seasons are short.

*Each 60¢; 3 for \$1.50*